

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees****2023/92178 Land Adj, 71, Woodhead Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6PP****Formation of new vehicular access****Date Responded: 29/11/2023****Responding Officer: D. Atkinson****Responding Ref: 34/91/g1**

Thank you for the consultation and I apologise for the late reply.

The proposed development site is constrained by existing Sycamore trees that are protected by Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 34/91/g1.

A Tree Preservation Order is an order made by a local planning authority in England to protect specific trees, groups of trees or woodlands in the interests of amenity. An Order prohibits the:

- cutting down
- topping
- lopping
- uprooting
- wilful damage
- wilful destruction

of trees without the local planning authority's written consent. If consent is given, it can be subject to conditions which have to be followed. In the Secretary of State's view, cutting roots is also a prohibited activity and requires the authority's consent.

The proposal requires the removal of three of the protected trees in order to facilitate and two of them (T001 and T003) are of moderate amenity value and are desirable to retain.

Trees are not convinced that the proposal justifies the removal of the protected trees, and the proposal doesn't retain the trees where they contribute to public amenity.

Notwithstanding that a suitable replacement planting could be required by condition if the proposal was approved, replacement trees would take a considerable amount of time to reach the stature of that which currently exists assuming they'd reach independence in the landscape. Additionally, they'd foreseeably be in a location set back from the site frontage and less prominent in the street scene.

Overall, there is a objection to the proposal from a trees perspective. This is because it conflicts with adopted Kirklees Council Local Plan Policy LP33.